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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

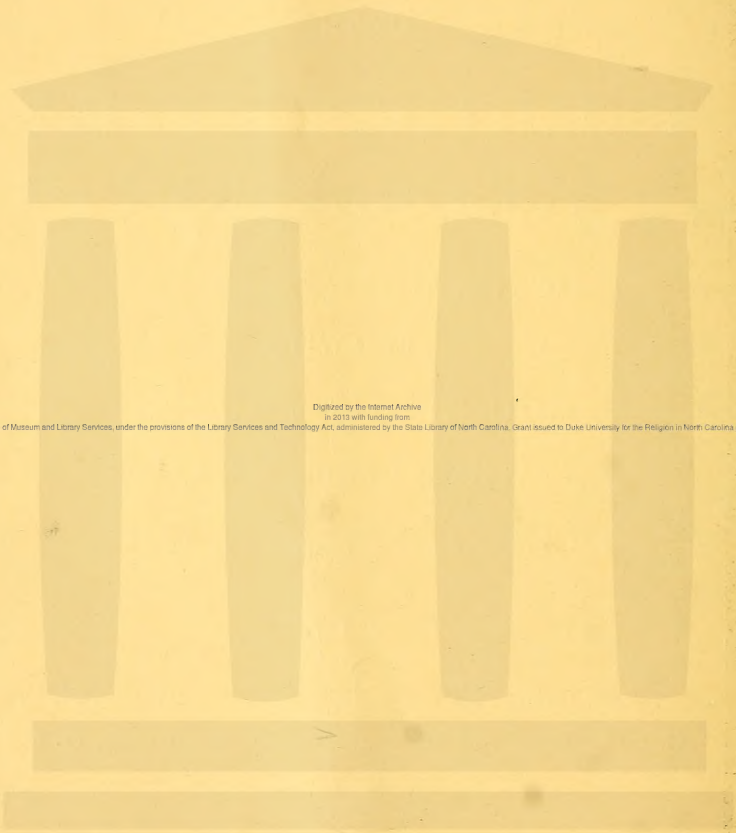
ROUND HILL CHURCH

Wilkes County, N. C.

OCTOBER 26 and 27, 1934

ELDER G. W. MILES, Moderator..... Miles, N. C.
C. C. SIDDEN, Clerk ..... Joynes, N. C.

The next session will convene with Double Creek Church, to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1935. Elder D. M. Dillard to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder G. W. Miles, alternate.



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PROCEEDINGS
of the
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Convened with Round Hill Baptist Church, October 26, 27, 1934.

Song No. 3, Primitive Selection. Eld. A. C. Sidden opened service. Prayer by Eld. S. L. Hart.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. J. C. Harrold. Text, 1st Samuel, 17:29. Remarks by Eld. W. S. Eller, Cor. from Mt. Union Association.

Intermission of 25 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in church.

Song, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Scripture lesson read by Eld. G. W. Miles. Prayer by Eld. A. C. Sidden.

Association called to order by Moderator.

1st. Called for church letters when 18 were handed in and read and delegates seated.

2nd. Invited newly constituted or any regular Baptist church of our faith and order to unite with us, when delegates bearing a letter from Mt. Valley came forward and were received.

3rd. Elected Eld. G. W. Miles Moderator and C. C. Sidden Clerk by acclamation.

4th. Invited Correspondents of same faith and order to sit with us, when letters from Mt. Union, with Elds. S. L. Hart, W. S. Eller, M. C. Powers, J. G. Howell, Avery Testerman and Bro. A. P. Roberts. From Little River, Eld. A. C. Walker, Brethren G. W. Brooks, F. H. Jennings, F. S. Delp, J. Q. Walker, H. M. Delp and Calvin Sidden accepted seats.

6th. On motion we do not correspond with Mitchel River Association.

7th. On motion Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8th. On motion invite transients and visitors. Brethren S. M. Jolly and F. M. Blevins from Little River accepted seats.

9th. The Moderator being authorized to make all temporary appointments, the following committees were appointed:

(a) On Ministry: J. H. Holbrook, J. N. Royal and Eli Blackburn, with the delegates of this church.

(b) On Finance: W. M. Holbrook, W. D. Barker and Barnie McBride.

(c) On Arrangements: J. M. Brown, J. P. Brooks, W. R. Handy, A. C. Sidden and M. C. Dillard. Moderator, Clerk and Correspondents invited to sit with this committee.

(d) On Obituaries: G. W. Brown, Watson Durham and A. M. Holbrook.

(e) On Sabbath Schools: Jas. M. Spicer, G. M. Royal and Marshal Wood.

(f) On Resolutions: Charlie Spicer, S. T. Curry and I. W. Pruitt.

(g) On Temperance: O. F. Richardson, J. C. Felts and Norman Reynolds.

(h) On Time, Place and Preacher: T. N. Royal, J. H. Stamper and George Lyon.

(i) To write Corresponding Letters: To Mt. Union, Barnie McBride; To Little River, Marcus Blackburn; To Blue Ridge, E. E. Douglass.

8th. Committee on Ministry reported as follows: Tomorrow at 10:30 to preach, Avery Testerman, Guy Brooks and S. L. Hart. At 2:00 P. M. M. C. Dillard, J. G. Howell and A. C. Walker.

9th. On motion we adjourn until tomorrow at 9:00 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song No. 3. Scripture lesson read by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. M. C. Dillard.

1st. Called roll and marked absentees.

2nd. Committee on Arrangements reported. Report received.

3rd. Invited Correspondents, transients and visitors. Eld. J. W. Walker from Little River accepted the invitation.

4th. Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, advise the churches in our Association which have not organized Sabbath Schools to do so, because Solomon said, "train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." Therefore we think the Sabbath Schools should be attended by the old as well as the young.

We recommend the Holy Bible only, for text books.

JAS. M. SPICER,
G. M. ROYAL,
L. M. WOOD, Committee.

Report received.

5th. On motion instruct the clerk to have 750 to 1000 copies of this minute printed, reserve one for each church with whom we are in correspondence and distribute remainder to the churches according to their respective contribution.

6th. Committee on Obituaries with those appearing in this minute. Same were ordered printed. G. W. Brown, Watson Durham, A. M. Holbrook, Committee. Report received.

7th. Committee on Temperance reported the following:

We advise the members of our churches to be temperate in all things, not only in intoxicating beverages, but also in passions.

O. F. RICHARDSON,
J. C. FELTS,
NORMAN REYNOLDS, Com.

8th. Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

1st. Resolved, that we thank God for His many blessings during the past year and pray for a continuation of the same. 2nd. We advise our brethren and sisters to attend their churches regular that their lives may be a shining light to those in darkness. 3rd. We would ask our ministers to do more revival work during the coming year. 4th. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Round Hill Church and the kind friends of the community for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this Association.

S. T. CURRY,
I. W. PRUITT,
C. M. SPICER, Committee.

Report received.

9th. Committee on Finance reported, received from the churches, $47.25.

10th. Correspondents reported. S. M. Jolly visited Mt. Union and found them in peace and harmony. Eld. G. W. Miles, Brethren S. M. Jolly, G. W. Brown, G. M. and T. N. Royal visited Little River and found them in harmony. Eld. A. C. Sidden and Bro. G. W Brown visited Blue Ridge and found them in peace.

11th. Appoint Correspondents: To be held with Baptist View Church, 6 miles Northwest of Belaire, Maryland, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1935: Elders A. C. Sidden, G. W. Miles, D. H. Brown, Brethren S. M. Jolly, Barnie McBride, Watson Durham, G. W. and Mack Brown.

To Little River, to be held with New Bethel Church, located 6 miles Northeast of Capps Mill, Surry County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1935: Elders G. W. Miles, D. H. Brown, Brethren J. I. Billings, S. M. Jolly, Guy Cox, C. C. Burcham and G. M. Royal.

To Blue Ridge: To be held with Pine Ridge Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1935: Eld. A. C. Sidden.

12th. Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance due Association	$19.71
Received from churches	52.58
Total	$72.29
Paid for Minutes	$32.00
Allowed Clerk	10.00
Postage	1.50
Donated to G. W. Miles	10.00
Total	$53.50
Balance due Association	$18.79

Report received.

13th. Committee on Ministry reported: Tonight, 1st. W. D. Barker; 2nd, A. C. Sidden; 3rd, Avery Testerman. Tomorrow, 10:00 A. M., 1st, I. M. Reeves; 2nd, M. C. Powers, 3rd, W. S. Eller; 4th, G. W. Miles.

J. H. HOLBROOK,
J. N. ROYAL,
E. A. BLACKBURN, Com.

Report received.

14th. On motion dispense with reading of minutes.

15th. Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported our next session to convene with Double Creek Church, to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1935. Eld. D. M. Dillard to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. G. W. Miles, Alternate.

16th. Is there any other business? None.

17th. On motion adjourn until time and place of our next session.

Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Eld. W. S. Eller.

ELD. G. W. MILES, Moderator.
C. C. SIDDEN, Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING

Song No. 1, Primitive Hymns. Eld. M. C. Dillard opened service by reading the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Eld. D. H. Brown. 1st sermon by Eld. M. C. Powers, text, Matt. 24:27. 2nd sermon by Eld. W. S. Eller, text, 2nd Peter, 1st chapter 13, 14 verses. 3rd sermon by Eld. G. W. Miles, text, 2nd Timothy, 4:6, "For I am now ready to be offered."

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Adams, H. A. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, J. N. ..... Benham, N. C.
Barker, W. D. ..... Miles, N. C.
Brown, D. H. ..... Traphill, N. C.
Brown, J. W. ..... Traphill, N. C.
Cleary, D. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Dillard, D. M. ..... Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Elledge, J. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Harrold, J. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Miles, G. W. ..... Miles, N. C.
Owens, J. M. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Reeves, I. M. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Royal, N. G. ..... McGrady, N. C.
Sidden, A. C. ..... Joynes, N. C.
Walker, A. F. ..... Thurmond, N. C.
Walker, Wirt ..... Abshers, N. C.
Wood, J. O. ..... North Wilkesboro, N. C.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—Oscar Jenkins, Harrison Perry, Millard Nelson, N. G. and T. N. Royal.

Austin—G. R. Cox, Geo. Lyon, Sanford Spicer, D. H. Brown, ... Speaks.

Bethany—L. W. Wood, J. T. Wood, M. A. Blackburn, W. M. Wheatly, Noah Blackburn.

Cane Creek—J. C. Felts, Owen Felts, D. A. Wood.

Center—H. H. Jennings, A. Hincher, G. F. Adams.

Double Creek—Wirt Walker, J. F. Gambill, A. M., D. L. and W. M. Holbrook.

Garden Creek—J. P. Brooks, Barnie McBride, J. B. Holloway, J. M. and M. C. Brown.

Liberty Knob—G. W. Miles, W. D. Barker, J. N., G. M. and M. F. Royal

Mining Ridge—Thos. Hanes, Foy Wall and Shade Golden.

Mt. Valley—J. H. Stamper and E. E. Douglass.

New Covenant—A. C. Billings, T. A. Miles, L. F. Caudill and L. Dillard.

Oak Level—Jas. M. Spicer, J. M. Cockerham and J. B. Byrd.

Rachel—S. T. Curry, W. C. Childres, L. M. Wood and Eli Blackburn.

Round Hill—R. C. Cothren, Grant Cheek, J. T. Bauguess, O. F. and B. H. Richardson.

Round Mountain—W. R. Handy, Dallas Welch, Travis Queen and J. I. Billings.

Roaring River—G. W. Brown, J. H. Holbrook, L. H. Holbrook, A. C. and C. C. Sidden.

Union—Watson Durham, C. M. Spicer, J. L. Sexton and E. S. Combs.

Union Hill—S. E. More, C. C. McCann, K. H. and J. C. Wilmoth.

Zion—Norman Reynolds, George Sebastian, R. F., E. M. and Alvin Harrold.

OBITUARIES

NORMAN

William Samuel Norman was born March 30, 1855. Deceased January 16, 1934. Age 78 years, 9 months and 15 days. He was first married to Sarah Vaughn. 8 children were born to this union, 3 dead, 5 living. Second marriage to Ada Brooks. To this were born 9 children, 1 dead, 8 living. He professed religion some years ago. He was a profound believer in the regular Baptist faith. He said many times that he wanted to be baptized by a man that preached and practised the regular Baptist doctrine. After going and hearing preaching for many years he requested Elder A. F. Walker to baptize him. He joined the regular Baptist church at Union Hill. His life was such that his word and honesty were relied on by all who knew him. When his sun was setting he told the people his hope was strong and that all would be well with him. Gave his children his last will and testimony, leaving a life of pious living and good precepts for his wife and children, his neighbors, his church, and for the community to follow.

Thou art gone, our dear brother,
Nevermore we'll see thy face;
Till we meet thee over the river,
In that happy dwelling place.

WILMOTH

James F. Wilmoth was born Nov. 17, 1857, deceased Dec. 22, 1932. Age 76 years, 1 month and 5 days. He was married to Ellen Harris 56 years ago. Unto this union were born 9 children, five living and four dead. He professed religion at home and joined the regular Baptist church at Union Hill. He was baptized at the age of 74 years by Elder A. F. Walker. He lived a consistent member till death. In accord with nature we know that the sun must set in the evening. He ilved his allotted time and his record was fully written. The writer has fond memories when he recalls the many times being in the home of brother Wilmoth and hearing him

speak of his hope of Heaven, and faith in God. Farewell, dear companion, you soon will follow on. Farewell, dear children one and all. And those that are yet in your sins will you listen, if you want to see and live with father again, you must repent and be born again, if not, you can never see the kingdom of God. We think of you, father, and our hearts are grieved with pain. You wore a crown of patience as you struggled on and on. And the hands that rest forever are the hands that made our home. You are gone but not forgotten, sweetest thoughts shall ever linger around the grave where you are laid. Dear wife and children, you have often looked for me and oftentimes seen me come, but now I must depart from thee and never more return.

BROWN

Larkin Brown was born Jan. 6, 1869, and died Jan. 6, 1934. Age 65 years. He was married to Frances Lankford May 17, 1891, and to this union was born three children. One preceded him in death. He leaves his wife and two children to mourn his loss. He professed a hope in Christ in early life and about sixteen years ago he joined Center Baptist Church where he lived a faithful member until death. He talked about dying and about Heaven, and telling his friends to live right. And knowing that he was dying, said, about one hour before he died, "I won't live over to-night." So he fell asleep to be with Jesus.

A dear one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
On that bright celestial shore.

ROBERSON

Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt Roberson was born May 12, 1853, and died July 16, 1934. Age 81 years, 2 months and 4 days. She was married to J. A. Roberson. To this union was born 3 children. One preceded her to the grave. The other 2 are living. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Center Baptist Church the first Saturday in April, 1886, and lived a faithful member until death.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

RICHARDSON

Mary Holbrook Richardson, daughter of John and Melinda Jane Holbrook, was born June 23, 1865. Died Jan. 12, 1934. Her stay on earth was 68 years, 6 months and 20 days. When she was about 22 years of age she professed a hope in Christ and joined

the church at Round Hill and was baptised. When she was 28 years of age she married John Andrew Richardson. To this union was born 4 children, 1 boy and 3 girls. Her husband preceded her to the grave 33 years ago. While it is our loss we trust Heaven is her gain. She is gone but not forgotten.

HARROLD

T. F. Harrold was born Aug. 23, 1873, being 60 years, 6 months and 5 days old when he died. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Zion Baptist Church in 1898. He was ordained a deacon of Zion Baptist Church in 1914 and served faithful as an official of the church until death. At the time of his death he was choir master of Zion Church, and was a very able choir leader. Brother Harrold was a dilligent student of the Bible and one of his favorite past-times was reading and conversing about the Bible. He was united in marriage to Nancy Hincher in 1889 and to this union was born 8 children, two of whom preceded him in death. We believe that our loss is his eternal gain.

QUEEN

Bobby Jim Queen, son of Travis and Dana Queen, was born Jan. 19, 1931, died Nov. 5, 1933, age 2 years, 9 months and 16 days. He leaves his father and mother to mourn the loss of the dear little one. Bobby was a bright child, his little heart was full of sunshine. He was loved by everyone who knew him. We can't understand why he was taken from us but God knows best. Let us strive to meet Bobby where parting is no more. Often we think of you, dear Bobby, and our hearts are filled with pain. Oh, this earth would be a Heaven, should we hear your voice again. You wore a crown of patience as you struggled on and on, and the hands that rest forever are the hands that made your home. You are gone but not forgotten, never shall your memory fade, sweetest thoughts shall ever linger around the grave where you are laid.

PRUITT

William Preston Pruitt, son of Hardin and Lucindy Pruitt, was born August 3, 1857. His stay on earth was 76 years. When he was about 44 years of age he married Fanny Absher. To this union was born one girl. When he was about 47 years of age he professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Round Hill. While it is our loss we trust Heaven is his gain.

MAYS

E. F. Mays was born Sept. 16, 1874, deceased June 8, 1934. Age 59 years, 8 months and 8 days. He was married first to Siss Caudill. 2 children were born to this union, 1 dead, 1 living. Second marriage to Fanny Williams. Third marriage to Phoebe Wilson. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the regular Baptist

church at Union Hill, where he remained a faithful member till death. He leaves a wife and one son and many friends to mourn his loss, but we trust that our loss is his eternal gain. His place in the home is vacant, his seat in the church is empty. Farewell, Brother Frank, for a while. We will see you again in the resurrection. Funeral and burial services were held at Union Hill church.

DIMMETTE

Ennis Dimmette, whose maiden name was Brown, was born March 20, 1910, died May 6, 1934. Age 24 years, 1 month and 17 days. She was married to Willie M. Dimmette Feb. 15, 1926. Unto this union was born 4 children, 1 preceded her in death. She professed at hope in Christ and joined Rachel Baptist Church the first Saturday in June, 1928, where she remained a faithful member until death. Farewell, dear children, husband and all, farewell, till some sweet day we'll meet beyond the sky, where parting never comes.

ELLEDGE

Sarah Ann Elledge, whose maiden name was Sebastian, died July 26, 1934, age 87 years and 12 days. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined Zion Baptist Church where she lived a faithful Christian life until death called her away. She was married to James Elledge in the year of 1869. Her husband preceded her in death 14 years ago. She had been in feeble health for several years, but as long as she could go, she attended her church meetings and visited the sick. Aunt Sarah, as she was known, was loved by all who knew her. She told her friends that her time here was almost ended but she had a home with Jesus. She always enjoyed the company and conversation of Christian people. In her last days we often heard her praise the Lord and clasp her hands.

A precious one from us is gone,
  Gone to rest with Jesus,
Where labors and sorrows are ceased;
  But a place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
  But we trust to meet her again
In that Heavenly land,
  Where bright angels sing
Forever and ever.

JOINES

Mary Ruth Joines was born Sept. 29, 1919, died Aug. 10, 1934, making her stay on earth 14 years, 8 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of Wesley and Carries Spicer Joines. She professed a hope in Christ and joined Union Baptist Church Aug. 14, 1932. She told her sister just before going to the hospital, the

happiest moments of her life was when she made a profession. The morning before she died she was singing.

PRUITT

Joel Ander Pruitt, son of Hardin and Lucinda Pruitt, was born March 5, 1855, died July 20, 1934, age 79 years, 4 months and 10 days. When he was about 22 years of age he was married to Ludemia Bauguess. To this union was born two children. More than fifty years ago he professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Rachel. Later he moved his membership to Round Hill Church where he remained a consistent member until death. His first wife preceded him to the grave about 36 years ago. He later married L. J. Brewer. He is gone but not forgotten.

BLEVINS

Alexander Blevins was born Jan. 15, 1867, died May 15, 1933. Making his stay here on earth 66 years and 4 months. He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Church at Bason Creek. He later moved his membership to Rachel where he remained a consistent member till death. He was married to Martha Jane Smoot near 45 years ago. Unto this union was born 13 children. Five children preceded him in death. Dear wife and children, don't grieve for me, for I will with my Jesus be. The neighborhood has lost a good neighbor and the church has lost a faithful member. Our loss is his eternal gain.

HILLARY SNOW

Hillary Snow was born May 4, 1847. Died Feb. 4, 1934.

On the Sunday morning of February 4, 1934, death's shadows swept in to the home of William R. Snow, of Ivanhoe, Virginia, and took from our midst a beloved father. Hillary Snow, the son of James and Annie Snow, was born May 4, 1847. He was 86 years and 4 months of age.

At the age of 36 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and lived a devoted Christian life until God bade him come home. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church at Mining Ridge in Surry County, North Carolina.

Due to difficult hearing Mr. Snow never entered into long conversations. He often spoke of his hope of meeting his Savior and would sit for hours reading his Bible. He often said that his hearing was so bad that he did not enjoy talking to those about him, and that his only pleasure was from reading the blessed Book. God blessed him with good eyesight which enabled him to read without the aid of glasses.

In accord with nature we know that the sun must set in the evening. We know that his days were three score years and ten and that his record was fully written.

The writer has fond memories as he recalls the taking a walk with Mr. Snow a few weeks prior to his death. At this time he stated that he believed that his work was finished and that he thought that the end was near. With a joyful expression he said that he believed that Jesus went to prepare a place for us and that he would be welcomed into that mansion which was not built with hands.

On the Resurrection Morn we expect him to arise at the reville call and rejoice with the saints throughout eternity.

Funeral and burial services were held at Cold Springs Church in Grayson County, Virginia.

Written by H. C. Jackson of V. P. I.

SEXTON

Millie Jane Sexton, McGrady, was born July 1, 1859. Passed to her reward Oct. 30, 1934, making her stay on earth 75 years, 3 months and 29 days. She was married to Thomas Sexton Dec. 12, 1884. Unto this union were born seven children, three boys and four girls. One boy, Johnnie, and one girl, Mrs. Mack Elliott, preceded her to the eternal world. She leaves to mourn their loss, husband, two boys and three girls. She was converted in early life, and joined Roaring River Baptist Church, later, after her marriage, she moved her membership to Garden Creek church where it remained until death. She moved her family from their home near Joynes to Grayson County, Virginia, about 1901, living there until death. Sister Sexton was a good Christian woman. It has been my privilege to know her for a number of years and she was one among the best women of our community. Sister Sexton will not only be missed by her husband and children, but by her neighbors and friends. She was a hard working woman and always took a great delight in her home and family. She was kind, patient and loving toward her family and friends. She helped to rear to manhood and womanhood a fine family of children, all of them having professed a hope in Christ. Children, mother is not dead. We feel that she is alive forevermore. She has just moved out of the old house into a mansion not made with hands.

C. H. McKNIGHT.

Her funeral was conducted by Elds. G. W. Miles, A. C. Sidden and C. H. McKnight at Pleasant Home Church, near Independence, Va., Nov. 1, after which her body was laid to rest in the cemetery nearby.

COCKERHAM

Mary Jane Cockerham, whose maiden name was Holbrook, was born Oct. 22, 1859. She departed this life March 4th, 1934, age 74 years, 4 months and 12 days.

She was married to T. R. Cockerham Jan. 27, 1881. Unto this

union were born two children—Letitia and Mary Etta; the latter died in infancy.

She professed a hope in Christ on the 4th Saturday in Sept., 1878, and joined the church at Roaring River where she remained a faithful and consistent member till death. She lived a consecrated, exemplary Christian life.

Her Christian influence in the home and community, her motherly care mingled with her faithful devotion to heartfelt religion, has written into the lives of many of her friends a devotion and admiration that shall not fade away.

She leaves to mourn their loss her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Venable, of Joynes; three grandchildren, Clyde Venable, of Asheville, Boyd Venable of Danville, Va., Mary Lee Venable, of Joynes, and one great-grand child, little Jean Venable, of Danville; also one sister, Mrs. J. M. Brown, of Joynes.

Mother is sleeping so quiet and still,
And will awake at the Redeemer's will,
To soar aloft to the Heavenly skies,
Far away from the land of death and sighs.
"Farewell, my dear ones, I now do you tell;
I'm going to Jesus forever to dwell.
May God be your guide in the days of gloom;
Remember, in Heaven there's mansions of room."

WOOD

Rev. James Oscar Wood, born August 13, 1855. Died March 23, 1934. Back in the 80's he and his wife Fanny, joined Bethany church which stood in the primeval forest on a beautiful hillock overloking his old home on the river. Here he felt a call and a voice seemed to say "It is I; be not afraid."

Many times on Sunday evenings when day, like a weary pilgrim, had reached the western gate of heaven, Fanny, the children, and the little dog would welcome the song, "I Am Going Home," he often sang on his return.

Fanny went on twenty-one years ago. Now Jim has gone to see her.

"Brother Owens and my other preaching brethren, when you see danger approaching do not fail to cry the alarm for the day of our Lord is at hand."

"And people do not keep the alabaster box of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Speak approving and cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffin, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have

alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without flowers, than a life without the sweetness and love emanating from sympathy. Let us learn to annoint our friends while they are yet among the living. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened heart; flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the

Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent instutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from

the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We beleive that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Application	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Antioch	Toliver, Harrold and Royal	S. C. Hutchison, Moxley, N. C.	1		1			1		1	5		44	$ 1.50
Austin	Brown, Lyon and Sparks	G. R. Cox, Traphill, N. C.	1		4		2				1		69	2.35
Bethany	J. S. Bryant	M. A. Blackburn, R. River, N. C.	1	1	4	6	8		1	3		2	73	2.00
Cane Creek	Walker, Brooks and Hanks	J. C. Felts, Sheets, N. C.		1	3	4	3			4			63	
Center	Dillard, Reeves and Cleary	H. H. Jennings, N. Wilkesboro	3		1	2	3			5	1	2	204	5.00
Double Creek	Reeves, Dillard and Hanks	W. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	1		2	2	1				2		47	2.15
Garden Creek	Miles, Barker and Brooks	J. M. Brown, Joynes, N. C.			1						1	1	30	1.25
Liberty Knob	Miles, Barker and Barker	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	3		3								38	3.35
Mining Ridge	Walker and Brown	Foy Wall, Elkin, N. C.			4							1	27	
Mountain Valley	Walker and Brooks	J. H. Stamper		1	1	5	5		5	6			18	2.00
New Covenant	M. C. Dillard	A. C. Billings, Hays, N. C.	1		3		2			6		1	106	2.20
Oak Level	Adams, Brown and Barker	J. M. Spicer, Thurmond, N. C.		1	3					1		2	62	2.00
Rachel	Brooks and Sparks	S. T Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	1		1	3	2			1		1	156	3.80
Roaring River	Sidden, Miles and Brown	G. W. Brown, Traphill, N. C.	2		4	3				1	1	2	116	5.70
Round Hill	Sparks and Dillard	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.		1	2	1				5		3	145	3.00
Round Mountain	Brooks, Dillard and Adams	J. I. Billings	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	3		2	87	2.50
Union	Miles, Brown and Lyon	Watson Durham, Traphill, N. C.			1							1	48	1.35
Union Hill	Walker, Miles and Brooks	C. C. McCann	1	1	1				1	3		3	54	7.10
Zion	Walker, Adams and Brooks	R. F. Harrold, Hays, N. C.			4	3	3			3		3	62	
Totals			17	7		31	30	4	8	42	11	24	1449	$47.25